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DEVELOPMENT OF PATENT NETWORK
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated an action plan for the development, extension and strengthening of patent related Network of Institutions in the country;

(b) If so, the details thereof including names/types/category of institutions presently operating in each State with location in general and Maharashtra in particular;

(c) The details of new Patent Organisation proposed to set up at National and State level to caterthe growing needs in the wake of globalisation; and

(d) The details of action plan proposed to upgrade Patent Information Centre at Nagpur?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH)

(a)to(d): Patent Offices are located in Calcutta (Head Office), Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai.These offices function on the basis of territorial jurisdictions. The offices besides providing policy and advisory services to the Government, also administers the Patents Act, 1970 and the Designs Act, 1911. Functions of this office include activities like grant of patents, registration of designs, providing information relating to patents, amendment of patents, maintenance of register of patents, create awareness of IPRs, provide patent related services like supply of patent document search services through Patent Information System, Nagpur, etc.

Government has a plan to modernize these offices and streamline and rationalize the procedure for grant of patents and designs. This include infrastructure development, human resource development, computerization and re-engineering of work procedures, networking of all the offices and elimination of backlog of pending applications, awareness creation activities etc.

The Patent Information System, Nagpur which was earlier modernized in 1996 is also included in the proposed plan of modernisation of Patent Office so that its potentials are fully realized.